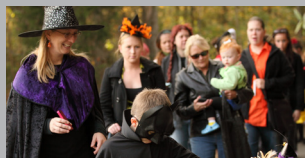


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## TOWN HALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 7: Town Council meeting (7 p.m.)

Oct. 22: Town Council meeting (7 p.m.)

Oct. 29: Town Council work session (6 p.m.)

*Meetings are in the Council Chambers in Building B at Town Hall, 900 Seventh Ave. Town Council meetings are recorded and broadcast (not live) on GTV11 (Time Warner 11, AT&T U-verse 99).*



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# GARNER UPDATE

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## Good Times Await in Downtown Garner

Garner Volunteer Fire-Rescue, Inc.'s annual Fireman's Day is Saturday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The always-popular parade will start at 2 p.m. There will be a live burn demonstration at 3 p.m., followed by a performance by the band Honey starting at 4 p.m. There will also be barbecue plates, vendors, children's activities and a raffle. The event will be at GVFR's Station 1 at 503 W. Main St. For more information, visit [garnerfire.com](http://garnerfire.com).

## Some GTV11 Viewers May Need to Get Adapters

On or about Oct. 8, Time Warner Cable will begin broadcasting Garner's public, educational and government channel, GTV11, only in digital format. In order to be able to still view this channel, some Time Warner customers may have to get a digital adapter.

The adapters (and the remote controls that go with them) are free if ordered by Dec. 8, according to a letter sent by Time Warner Cable to its Garner customers last month.

This digital switchover will not affect ATT U-verse customers who get GTV11 on their channel 99.

For more information, and to order a free adapter, visit [twc.com/digitaladapter](http://twc.com/digitaladapter), or call 1-855-286-1736 to speak with a Time Warner Cable customer care representative.

The Town will continue to provide any pertinent updates on the GTV11 digital switchover via this newsletter and other means.



Stay informed by watching the weekly 'Garner Update' news-cast on demand at [garnernc.gov](http://garnernc.gov).



## A Message from the Mayor



Watch the mayor's 'Great People in Garner' on GTV11 (Time Warner 11, AT&T U-verse 99).

I am always so proud of everything our employees do to advance themselves professionally and to make Garner a great place to be.



As you'll see on page four of this newsletter, several of our employees in the Public Works Department have recently become "Roads Scholars,"

meaning they've completed a course of study at N.C. State that provides enhanced training in road funda-

mentals, safety, drainage, snow and ice removal and training management. Our Public Works employees all take great pride in their work, and they're out in the elements year-round making Garner look good and run well. I applaud our newest "Roads Scholars" and the rest of the Public Works team.

I also want to commend Jaclyn Rametta, a stormwater engineer in the Town's Engineering Department, for her ongoing work in organizing our twice-a-year Litter and Big Sweep events. The fall Litter and Big Sweep is Saturday, Oct. 5. You

can contact Jaclyn at [jrametta@garnernc.gov](mailto:jrametta@garnernc.gov) or (919) 773-4421 to learn more and pre-register.

The list doesn't stop there. Just glancing at this and every other edition of the newsletter, you can see all that our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources staff do to make the Town's many special events, shows at GPAC and other programming possible. Here in Garner, government works!

*Ronnie S. Williams*

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### GRA Shows Civic Pride

Main Street is the latest place where Garner's All-America City logo has popped up. The Garner Revitalization Association put up six lamppost banners just in time for Fireman's Day on Oct. 5 (see page one for more on that popular event). Since Garner was named an All-America City on June 16, the Town's official All-America City logo has appeared in storefronts, at special events, on the recently mailed Guide to Garner and, of course, at Town Hall. The Town is currently giving away All-America City window static clings to local businesses and has just received free All-America City vehicle stickers for the general public. To request a window cling or sticker, contact Rick Mercier at [rmercier@garnernc.gov](mailto:rmercier@garnernc.gov) or at (919) 773-4418, or drop by building A in Town Hall during regular business hours. The Town is planning to promote its All-America City status in a number of other ways in the coming months, including with an All-America City-themed Christmas Parade and the all-important roadway signage.







## Gather Treats at White Deer Park This Halloween

Put on your costumes for Trick-or-Treat the Trails at White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road) on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Trick-or-treat your way around the park trails and collect treats from local community organizations and businesses at this free event.

The Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department is seeking local businesses and organizations to volunteer their time and provide treats for the event. Last year's Trick-or-Treat the Trails drew thousands of people and won a prestigious statewide award.

An adult must accompany children at all times, and pets are not permitted. General parking will be at Lake Benson Park (921 Buffalo Road); vendor and handicap parking will be at White Deer Park. For more information, contact Stephanie Shaffer at [sshaffer@garnernc.gov](mailto:sshaffer@garnernc.gov) or at (919) 661-6892.



Last year's first-ever Trick-or-Treat the Trails drew thousands of people and earned the Town a statewide award.

## UPCOMING GPAC EVENTS



### Gene Watson Returns to the GPAC Stage for Oct. 4 Show

There are still some tickets left for the Friday, Oct. 4, Gene Watson concert at 7:30 p.m. at Garner Performing Arts Center (742 W. Garner Road). Watson has scored over 72 charted songs, including 23 Top Tens and 6 No. 1 hits over his 40-year career. Many fans point to Watson as one of country music's best ballad singers. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [garnerperformingartscenter.com](http://garnerperformingartscenter.com).



### Theatre Works USA Brings Kids' Show to GPAC on Oct. 7

Follow Hubie's imagination as he faces his comically horrific fears and discovers that his new teacher is pleasantly human after all in Theatre Works USA's production of "The Teacher from the Black Lagoon and Other Storybooks," which comes to Garner Performing Arts Center Monday, Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$7 each. School Special: One FREE ticket with purchase of 10 tickets. To purchase tickets, visit [garnerperformingartscenter.com](http://garnerperformingartscenter.com). For more information, contact Debbie Dunn at (919) 661-4602 or at [ddunn@garnernc.gov](mailto:ddunn@garnernc.gov).



You can follow GPAC on Twitter (@GPACGarner) and Facebook.



### Towne Players to Present 'Barefoot in the Park'

The Towne Players of Garner present Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" at Garner Performing Arts Center on Oct. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets (\$15/\$12 for students and seniors) are available at the door. "Barefoot in the Park" is the story of a conservative young lawyer who marries a vivacious young woman. Visit [towneplayers.org](http://towneplayers.org) for more information.



### Bodyology Is Back at GPAC for Two Shows on Oct. 28

"Bodyology" returns to Garner Performing Arts Center on Oct. 28 for two shows at 9:55 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. "Bodyology" is a one-hour theatrical show starring PBS's Slim Goodbody that explores the inner workings of the human body along with the health practices required to care for it. For more information, visit [slimgoodbody.com](http://slimgoodbody.com).





# Discovery Days Combines Fun, Learning



You can join White Deer Park on Facebook.

White Deer Park Nature Center's Discovery Days and Movie Discovery Days are back. The first Discovery Days program of the season, featuring a look at animal skeletons, was on Oct. 3. with other programs to be held on first Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon (Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6 and March 6). The first Movie Discovery Days is Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. (the theme is Creepy Creatures). Movie Discovery Days will be held on third Thursdays (Nov. 21, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and March 20).

Discovery Days are for homeschooled and tracked-out students ages 6 to 12. The programs feature self-guided, interactive learning about nature topics. A parent or guardian must accompany children at all times.



Discovery Days participants learned all about skeletons at the Oct. 3 program at White Deer Park Nature Center. There will be a movie Discovery Days program (the theme is Creepy Creatures) at the center on Oct. 17.



## Meet Garner's Latest 'Roads Scholars'

Public Works employees (from left) Warren Griffis, Travis Bradshaw, Brian Spears, Angela Parsons and Earman Adams are the Town of Garner's latest "Roads Scholars." They were recognized for this accomplishment last week in New Bern at the state meeting of the Streets and Equipment Services Divisions of the N.C. Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The Roads Scholar program, offered under the auspices of the N.C. Local Technical Assistance Program at the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at N.C. State University, provides a curriculum of training covering road fundamentals, safety, drainage, snow and ice removal and training management.



## Litter and Big Sweep on Oct. 5

Garner's fall Litter and Big Sweep is slated for Saturday, Oct. 5. Volunteers are meeting and registering at 8:30 a.m. at White Deer Park Nature Center (2400 Aversboro Road). To pre-register (which is urged) or for more information, contact Jaclyn Rametta at (919) 773-4421 or [jrametta@garnernc.gov](mailto:jrametta@garnernc.gov).

### New Nature Center Hours

White Deer Park Nature Center has new hours of operation:

October-March: Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m.  
April-September: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.